



## Resources

For more information on what you can do to help protect the sources of your community's drinking water, or to learn more about drinking water issues, the following list of resources will prove useful.

### Organizations

---



- **Groundwater Guardian**  
The Groundwater Foundation supports, connects, and recognizes communities taking voluntary steps to protect local groundwater supplies through its Groundwater Guardian Program. For more information, call 1 (800) 858-4844 or e-mail [guardian@groundwater.org](mailto:guardian@groundwater.org), also visit the website at <http://www.groundwater.org>.
- **Farm\*A\*Syst/Home\*A\*Syst**  
Farm\*A\*Syst/Home\*A\*Syst is an action-oriented system of education that promotes voluntary actions that can significantly reduce threats to drinking water. Home owners, renters, and farmers can learn about conditions on their property that may threaten drinking water supplies and how to minimize those threats. For more information call (608) 262-0024 or e-mail [farmasyst@macc.wisc.edu](mailto:farmasyst@macc.wisc.edu) or [homasyst@macc.wisc.edu](mailto:homasyst@macc.wisc.edu). Also visit the website at <http://www.uwex.edu/farmasyst/> and <http://www.uwex.edu/homeasyst/>.
- **Clean Water Action**  
Clean Water Action is a national citizens organization working for clean, safe and affordable water, prevention of health-threatening pollution, and improved quality of life. Call (202) 895-0420.
- **Source Water Mentor Program**  
Source Water Mentor Program recruits senior volunteers to serve as auxiliary technicians or mentors to help communities develop and implement drinking water protection programs. Call (540) 788-3274.
- **Walk Your Watershed**  
Walk Your Watershed organizes watershed festivals as a way to educate people of all ages about their watershed and what they can do to protect it. For more information, contact the Water Environment Federation at 1 (800) 666-0206 also visit the website at <http://www.wef.org>.
- **Know Your Watershed**  
Know Your Watershed offers a variety of resources and strategies to educate citizens about their watershed. For more information, call (765) 494-9555 or e-mail [kyw@ctic.purdue.edu](mailto:kyw@ctic.purdue.edu) also visit the website at <http://www.ctic.purdue.edu>.
- **Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water Hotline**  
Call 1 (800) 426-4791. Also visit the web at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/protect.html>

- Surf Your Watershed.  
U.S. EPA. Maps and information on all delineated watersheds in the United States. Visit the website at [www.epa.gov/surf](http://www.epa.gov/surf).
- National Drinking Water Clearinghouse  
West Virginia University, P.O. Box 6064, Morgantown, WV 26505-6064. Call (800) 624-8301 also visit the website at [www.estd.wvu.edu/ndwc\\_homepage.html](http://www.estd.wvu.edu/ndwc_homepage.html).
- EPA Envirofacts  
Single point of access to select U.S. data, assessing several EPA databases on drinking water hazardous waste, water permits, toxic releases, etc. in your local area. Visit the website at [www.epa.gov/enviro/index\\_java.html](http://www.epa.gov/enviro/index_java.html).
- Science in Your Watershed, U.S. Geological Survey  
A source of technical information on watersheds around the country. To order, visit the website at [www.water.usgs.gov](http://www.water.usgs.gov).
- Province of British Columbia, Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks  
For an electronic version of well protection toolkit. Visit the website at [http://www.elp.gov.bc.ca/wat/gws/well\\_protection/wellprotect.html](http://www.elp.gov.bc.ca/wat/gws/well_protection/wellprotect.html).

## Publications

The following publications can be obtained by contacting: The Groundwater Foundation, P.O. Box 22558, Lincoln, NE 68542; phone: (402) 434-2740; fax (402) 434-2742; e-mail: [info@groundwater.org](mailto:info@groundwater.org)



- Let's Make a Difference: Mobilizing for Community Action  
"Let's Make A Difference: Mobilizing for Community Action" is designed to help individuals who wish to initiate community action efforts for groundwater and other environmental issues. This booklet will help community members ask pertinent questions and encourage collaboration with utilities and other community institutions on projects of mutual interest such as source water protection. This booklet addresses such issues as developing leaders, preparing for action, selecting activities, and celebrating and sustaining success.
- Source Water Protection Case Studies  
A series of eight source water protection projects highlight such issues as: identifying the drinking water source area, identifying potential contaminant sources, assessing drinking water susceptibility, consumer confidence reports, wellhead protection, and surface water monitoring.
- Source Water Protection Brochure  
A brochure entitled "Source Water Assessment and Protection" briefly details the basic components of the source water protection process.
- Source Water Protection Training Module  
"An Introduction to Drinking Water Source Assessment and Protection" was written as a "train-the-trainer" workshop guide. The workshop guide is comprised of a presenter's workshop manual, overheads, handouts, and a participant's workshop manual.
- Consensus Building for Local Groundwater Protection  
"Consensus Building: A Primer for Local Leaders" was designed to help local leaders and elected officials take action in their community to build consensus and prevent groundwater

contamination. This sixteen-page handbook includes sections on groundwater protection, consensus building, and how consensus building can promote and create groundwater protection success.

- **Wellhead Protection: Lessons Learned Through Local Stewardship**  
“Wellhead Protection: Lessons Learned Through Local Stewardship,” a fourteen-page booklet includes an introduction, the basic steps of an effective Wellhead Protection Program, community wellhead protection goals, wellhead protection outcomes, and key elements and obstacles to meeting wellhead protection goals.
- **Is My Water Safe to Drink?**  
“Is My Water Safe to Drink?” is a brochure designed to help citizens understand the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR). The brochure answers some frequently asked questions, helps explain some of the terminology used in the CCRs, and identifies resources for additional information for answering the question. . . Is My Water Safe to Drink?
- **A Guide to Groundwater Guardian**  
Groundwater Guardian is a program of the Groundwater Foundation designed to connect, recognize and network communities taking pro-active steps towards groundwater protection. A Guide to Groundwater Guardian explains the program process and the benefits of being a Groundwater Guardian community.

The following publication can be obtained from the League of Women Voters, P.O. Box 540, Annapolis Junction, Maryland 20701; phone: (301) 362-8184

- **Strategies for Effective Public Involvement: Drinking Water Assessment and Protection**  
This publication is designed to facilitate the public involvement required by the Safe Drinking water Act Amendment of 1996. The guide presents practical and powerful strategies, tools and ideas for generating public involvement in your state,

The following publications can be obtained online from U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's web site at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/protect.html>

- **Citizens' Guide to Ground Water Protection**  
This guide is intended to help you take an active and positive role in protecting your community's groundwater supplies. It will introduce you to the natural cycle that supplies the earth with ground water, briefly explain how ground water can become contaminated, examine ways to protect our vulnerable ground-water supplies, and, most important of all, describe the roles you and your community can play in protecting valuable ground-water supplies.
- **Case Studies in Watershed Management**  
In this document, seventeen drinking water suppliers share their experiences on engaging in watershed management efforts as part of their day-to-day business of providing safe drinking water to the public.
- **Information for owners of private wells**  
Find information on how to test the quality of private wells, how to protect private wells and other usefull information and links at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/protect.html>.

The following publications can be obtained from the National Association of Counties (NACo) by calling (202) 661-8807.

- **Counties Protecting Water through Partnering**  
This document profiles four examples of county leadership in drinking water and watershed
-

protection partnership efforts, prior to the passage of the 1996 Safe Drinking Water act.

- Source Water Protection—A Guidebook for Local Governments

The purpose of this guidebook is to help local governments to ascertain how to protect surface and ground water sources for drinking water supplies.

## Useful Websites

---

- National Center for Small Communities (NCSC)  
(202) 624-3550  
<http://natat.org/ncsc/Default.htm>
- Local Government Environmental Assistance Network (LGEAN)  
<http://www.LGEAN.org>
- National Association of Counties (NACo)  
<http://www.naco.org/programs/environ/source.cfm>
- National Drinking Water Clearinghouse  
1 (800) 624-8301  
[http://www.estd.wvu.edu/ndwc/NDWC\\_homepage.html](http://www.estd.wvu.edu/ndwc/NDWC_homepage.html)
- Small Utilities Network  
<http://www.awwa.org/sun/sunhome.htm>
- National Small Flows Clearinghouse  
1 (800) 624-8301  
[http://www.estd.wvu.edu/nsfc/nsfc\\_homepage.html](http://www.estd.wvu.edu/nsfc/nsfc_homepage.html)
- National Rural Water Association  
<http://www.nrwa.org/>
- The Groundwater Foundation  
<http://www.groundwater.org/>
- Department of Agriculture's Rural Utility Service  
<http://www.rurdev.usda.gov/rus/>
- Rural Community Assistance Program  
<http://www.rcap.org/>
- Environmental Planning for Small Communities  
<http://www.epa.gov/seahome/trilogy.html>
- Federal Funding Sources for Small Community Wastewater Systems  
<http://www.epa.gov/OWM/eparev.htm>
- On-line Grant Writing Tutorial  
<http://www.epa.gov/seahome/grants.html>
- Ordinance Guide for Urban Forestry  
<http://www.isa-arbor.com/tree-ord/ordinintro.htm>
- Surf Your Watershed  
<http://www.epa.gov/surf3/locate/index.html>

